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Case No. 3591-1152

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Insalaco, et al.

Serial No: 09/975,244

Filed: October 10, 2001

For: TABLE

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) Examiner: Jose V. Chen
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) Group Art No: 3761
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner of Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the outstanding restriction requirement mailed March 7, 2003,¹

¹ Applicants have filed a two-month petition for extension of time herewith. The three-month due date for filing a response falls on a Saturday, thereby making the filing of this response on the next business day timely with a two-month extension.

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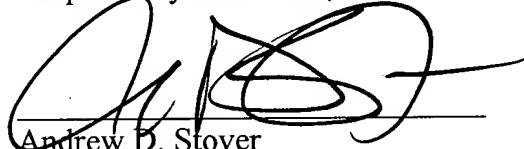
Applicants elect the Species of Figures 1-15 and 18-22 depicting a worksurface having a generally rectangular shape with a curvilinear rear edge. Applicants assume that the Examiner is drawing a species restriction between the different shapes of the worksurface as shown in FIGS. 14, 16 and 17, but is confused as to the distinction between the first and fourth embodiments, since Figures 21 and 22 illustrate the core used in the worksurface shown in Figures 14 and 15 (specification at 7, lines 3-16). Applicants submit that the shape of the worksurface in FIG. 21 is the same as shown in FIG. 14 (specification at 5, lines 11-20).

Applicants acknowledge the Examiner's statement that at least claim 1 is generic. Applicants submit that claims 2-9, 11-20, 22-28 are also generic with respect to the shape of the worksurface, and further that claims 10, 21 and 29-34 are readable on the elected species. Accordingly, Applicants have not cancelled any claims.

Any questions concerning this election should be directed to the undersigned attorney at (312) 321-4713.

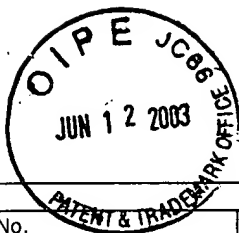
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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

Transmitted herewith is Check for \$410 for a two (2) month extension of time fee; Petition and Fee for Extension of Time (37 CFR § 1.136(a)) (in duplicate); Response to Restriction Requirement; and return receipt postcard.

- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR § 1.27 has been established by verified statement previously submitted.
- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
- ☒ Petition for a two (2) month extension of time.
- ☐ No additional fee is required.
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